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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67889

Walter WIRZ

Appln. No.: 10/046,154

Group Art Unit: 3723

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Examiner: A. Grant

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For: **PROCESS FOR THE FINE MACHINING OF THE TOOTHED GEARS OF A GEARBOX**


Comments on the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated June 15, 2004. Even though the application includes two independent formulations of the invention, the Reasons for Allowance paraphrase only claim 1. Accordingly, while the Statement appears to be an accurate statement of reasons for allowing claims 1-3, 11, and 12, the Statement is deficient by failing to acknowledge that claims 13 and 14 were allowed for independent reasons.

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